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Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties



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Global Leadership Team

Leo Williams

San Diego Forever Lions Club

Global Membership Team

PDG Bucky Blottin

El Cajon Singing Hills Lions Club

2017 Tournament of Roses Parade



The 2017 Lions Clubs International Rose Parade Float travels down Colorado Blvd.

The Lions Clubs International entry in the 128th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade held on January 2, 2017 featured "Celebrating 100 Years of Service". The float featured the four areas of service conducted by Lions Clubs International: Vision, Youth, Environment, and Feeding the Hungry.

A special contingent of Lions and LEOs from District 4-L6 joined International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne riding on the 2017 Float. IPDG John Ruiz was joined by District LEO President Caity Williams and 2015-2016 LEO of the Year Cady Mariano.

The Tournament of Roses Parade, also known as the Rose Parade is held every year on New Year's Day, unless the 1st lands on a Sunday when the parade is held on Monday, January 2nd. This year's parade theme was "Echoes of Success". It's a celebration for people, institutions and organizations that help in the success of others. It featured 44 Floats, 19 Equestrian Units consisting of 400 horses, and 22 Marching Bands. The estimated crowd at this year's parade was 750,000. The parade is televised live by 8 television networks reaching 56 million viewers. The parade is also telecast to 174 countries which attracts an additional 28 million viewers.

The parade route covers 5 ½ miles. It begins at the corner of Green Street and Orange Grove Blvd. It travels north on Orange Grove before turning east on Colorado Blvd. It turns north on Sierra Madre Blvd. and ends at Villa Street.

After the Parade the floats are displayed along Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards. You can walk closely by the floats, and ask the Tournament Volunteers questions about the float design and workmanship.



District Governor's Message



District Governor

Dave Roberts

"Seize the Day"

Live Well San Diego
Lions Club

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that one-half of our Lions Year is already over. Welcome to our Centennial Year; 100 years of serving others! So much has happened in the first six months of this Lions Year within our District. We have launched 2 new Leo's Clubs and 2 new Lions Clubs. Our membership is up almost 4%; but we must continue to work to retain all our valued Lions.

We were honored to have our Immediate Past District Governor John Ruiz, Leo District President Caity Williams, and Leo of the Year Caty Mariano all asked to ride on the Tournament of Roses Lions Float. Lion Carol Fleming from Live Well San Diego Lions Club joined me for all the excitement in Pasadena, including front row seats to see the parade.

While in Pasadena, I had the opportunity to meet our International President to share with him the exciting developments in our growing district. He was pleased to hear about the growing diversity in our district and to see that our membership is growing!

Please keep recording your service activities so we get credit and your District Leadership Teams knows of all the great work you are doing.

We have lots more to accomplish in the first six months of this calendar year. I want to personally invite each of you to attend our Annual Convention in Yuma, Arizona. Our theme is "Celebrating 100 Years of Service" and we will have our 4th District

Membership meeting on May 5th, and our Annual Convention on May 6th – 7th. A new enhancement this year is that we will offer training on the morning of May 6th!

Thanks for all you are doing and remember to continue asking your family, friends and neighbors to become a Lion.

We serve! Dave

Dave Roberts

District Governor (2016-2017)

Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties
(District 4-L6)

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P.S. We wish a speedy recovery to my home Lions Club President, Maria McEneany. If you would like to drop her a note, she would love to hear from you at Lion Maria McEneany, P.O. Box 2631, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067.



Love Your Heart is an annual event that will take place on February 14, 2017, during which the County of San Diego and its partners will provide free blood pressure screenings to the public at select sites throughout the San Diego region and Mexico. The goal of Love Your Heart is to activate residents to "know their numbers" and take charge of their own heart health.

**visit LOVEYOURHEARTSD.org
to learn more or volunteer**



Vice District Governor's Messages



1st Vice District Governor
Neil Seefeldt, Jr.
"Family for Life"
Chula Vista Host
Lions Club

Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope everyone enjoyed the past holidays. We are now in our 2nd half of the year. Don't forget the upcoming events coming up (Student Speaker Contest, MD-4 Convention in Redding, 3rd Cabinet meeting (March 11th), our own Convention, etc.). And let's not forget to continue those Centennial Projects. Let's support these events with a better turnout than last year. Let's keep showing the world that we are still the No. 1 Non-Profit Organization. As you are going through your daily routines, please drive carefully, be safe, and let's have lot of fun doing what we do best. Let us not forget our motto, "We Serve."

Neil Seefeldt, Jr.

1st Vice District Governor (2016-2017)
Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties
(District 4-L6)



Strides for Diabetes Walk – Rohr Park

2nd Vice District Governor
Mercy Walters
"United in Service"
El Cajon Valley Host
Lions Club



Dear Fellow Lions,

Greetings and Happy New Year to all! It is my fervent wish and hope that 2017 will be a good year for us in terms of membership and service. As we ring in the Centennial year, we celebrate the man who started it all, Melvin Jones. It is because of this visionary man that Lions Clubs International has grown into the world's largest service organization serving millions of people around the world. Let us all continue the good work that he started 100 years ago, improving and making a difference in the lives of people here locally and globally.

Let us also remember Melvin Jones' personal code: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else".

"United We Serve"

Mercy B. Walters

2nd Vice District Governor (2016-2017)
Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties
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Support the Student Speaker Foundation

Purchase a Student Speaker Fellowship

- ◆ Fred W. Smith - \$500
- ◆ Donald E. Snyder - \$400
- ◆ Dwight E. Stanford - \$300
- ◆ Harry J. Ashlan Fellow - \$200
- ◆ Al Ohrmund Supporter Award - \$250



LEO Club News



District 4-L6 LEO's Decorate Lions Float

LEO's from several Clubs in District 4-L6 traveled by bus to the Phoenix Decorating Co. in Pasadena to help decorate the 2017 Lions Clubs International Rose Parade float. The LEO's prepared and applied "dry goods" to this year's float such as black onion seed, Folgers coffee, ground walnut shells, ground lentils, ground white pepper, bronze and gold straw flowers and purple statice.



Applying coffee to the border for the Lions Logo



Applying dried straw flowers on the back of the float



Applying black onion seed to the Lions eye



More dry flower application



Preparing yellow straw flowers



Group Photo before leaving the Float Barn



Tournament of Roses Parade



Lions Float on Colorado Blvd.



IPDG John & LEO Caity



International President Corlew & LEO Cady



IPDG John Ruiz & CC David Radtke



LEOs and Lion Cub who rode the Lions Float



LEOS Caity & Cady in the Float Barn before Parade



National City Host Lions Club Vision Screening Celebrates 10 Years

An annual event held by the National City Host Lions club and OneSight San Diego reached a milestone in its tenth year.

As of its November event, about 10,000 students—many from the National School District and Sweetwater Union High School District—have received \$3 million worth of exams and glasses in the 10 years the program has been running.

Each year, the National City Host Lions club partners with OneSight San Diego to hold a vision clinic at Camacho Gym at Las Palmas Park in National City.

OneSight is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the vision of children whose families can't afford to pay for eye care.

National City Host Lions has partnered with OneSight San Diego since 2006 to get glasses to children who need them. It started in National City with the National School District and has since expanded to the Sweetwater Union High School District area middle and elementary schools.

This year, more than 1,300 students were seen by optometrists from around the world and 1,069 of them received glasses.

"This year there were seven kids referred as needing some serious work," said Brian Clapper, president of the National City Host Lions club. "They were close to being legally blind or needing retinal surgery." Prior to the event school nurses screen students to determine who needs an eye exam and/or glasses, then students are bused to Camacho Gym.

Representatives from eye companies worldwide, including Italy, England and China put in applications to participate in this year's clinic.

"We try to get all these glasses made to their prescription and 75 percent delivered to schools within that week," Clapper said. "To me the most important thing for the students in our district is making sure they are seeing and hearing well."

Many of children who participate in the event have never had an eye exam or a pair of glasses because of lack of access and cost.

"The percentage of need ranges from 82 to 92 percent at schools in general," Clapper said. One in seven people don't have access to vision care, according to onesight.org. Clapper said a complete eye exam with glasses is valued at about \$300 per child.

One out of four children in the U.S. has an undiagnosed vision problem signaling a vision care crisis that is affecting students' ability to see and learn, according to the American Optometric Association.

What's more, the Centers for Disease Control has identified vision disorders as the single most prevalent disabling condition among children in the United States.

The event is held in November each year, when between 1,000 and 1,300 students are served.

Information from San Diego Union Tribune





Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties



Lion Dick Rogers

El Cajon Valley Host Lions Club

Lion Dr. Robert "Bob" Jackson

San Diego Hillcrest-Mission Valley Lions Club

Lion Pamela Anderson

San Diego Host Lions Club

Lion Judge Alex McDonald

San Diego Host Lions Club

Lion Ilane Adams

West Shores Lions Club

Lion Ron Paris

El Cajon Valley Host Lions Club

Lion Vaugh Lamb

Escondido Host Lions Club

Happy Anniversary

Encinitas Lions Club

25 Years of Service

Chartered: December 2, 1991

El Centro Sol de Oro Lions Club

50 Years of Service

Chartered: December 27, 1966

Pauma Valley Lions Club

65 Years of Service

Chartered: January 23, 1952



Lions Tribute Day March 26, 2017

Save the Date

3rd Membership Meeting

**Saturday – March 11, 2017
10:00 AM**

**El Cajon Police Department
Community Room**

**"Honoring our Past District
Governors"**

**Join Miss Teen Pride of Vista
IB CAS Character Leaders
From Vista High School
Silent Auction • Vendors • Door Prizes**



Faith Lutheran Church
700 E. Bobier
Vista, CA 92084

operationhopefashionshow2017@hotmail.com

For more information please contact Elissa Record at 760-639-8249

\$25 Per Person
Hors d'oeuvres & Beverages
will be served



Peace Poster Contest



Winning District 4-L6 Peace Poster
Paula Vagguez – Eastlake Middle School
San Diego Mt. Pinatubo Lions Club



3rd Place
Jena Brahim – Eastlake Middle School
San Diego Mt. Pinatubo Lions Club



2nd Place
Renza Perez – San Diego Art Kids
Montgomery Lions of Chula Vista



Peace Poster Essay Winner
Johnathon Gregg



2017 – 2018
Peace Poster Contest
“The Future of Peace”



Michelle's Story

Submitted by: 2VDG Mercy Walters

Michelle began her journey with the San Diego Center for the Blind in 2008. Her story is not easy to tell or hear. It is about what most of us fear the most—isolation and darkness.

Michelle was a drug baby. She was born prematurely and had several health issues including fetal alcohol syndrome, seizures, developmental delays, and severe vision loss. When her mother was no longer able to participate in her life, Michelle found herself in a Board and Care facility designed to care for bed-ridden elderly patients. She had nothing but a bed and three meals a day. There were none of the activities of daily life that all of us have experienced. No friends, no family relationships, no walks around the block, no trips to the mall, no words of encouragement, no I love yous. She lived in that facility for seven years.

When Michelle came to the San Diego Center for the Blind in her early 20's she was heavily medicated, her beautiful red hair had been cut into a short bowl-shaped style. Her head was always down and she did not interact with others. Michelle told us that her goal was to be independent. She wanted to live on her own, have a dog guide and a job. It sounded like a tall order to the Staff but we set to work.

First she learned to walk with a long white cane, and started walking with her head up. She took cooking classes and began to interact with the other students as she learned to move about the kitchen and prepare meals safely. She came to computer classes and learned the screen reader program Window Eyes. Michelle became comfortable handling money and learned how to label and organize her clothes, her medications, and other personal items. She started to participate in peer group discussions. Her progress was slow and steady, but she attended every weekly class adding skill upon skill until we had to graduate her!

Today Michelle is out of the Convalescent Home and has moved in with a mentor family. She does her own laundry, helps with household chores, including cooking for the family at least one evening a week. And Michelle has a job! Her duties at work include training new employees, as well as some computer work, and she has the highest assembly rate. She has joined the speech club and volunteers at the American Legion. She is well on the road to attaining the goals she has set out for herself.

The San Diego Center for the Blind (SDCB) is the only community based program of its kind in San Diego County. SDCB provides services to legally blind adults with no vision to those with changing vision adults. SDCB was established in 1972 and operates facilities in San Diego and Vista. SDCB does not charge clients for vision rehabilitation programming thanks, in part, for support from Lions Clubs who have answered the call from Helen Keller to be Knights of the Blind.

The mission of SDCB is to help any adult with blindness or vision impairment to reach their highest level of independence. This is achieved by offering adjustment to vision loss counseling, training and rehabilitation, and community education and outreach programs. SDCB's commitment to ensuring the emotional well-being of the visually impaired has become a nationwide model for service delivery, as well as becoming an international model for designing an accessible facility.

Most recently, SDCB has established the Lions Assistive Technology Center. The Technology Center is the only place in San Diego County that provides individuals the opportunity to select from, review, and even try before purchase, a wide range of devices and aids. These products are designed to help visually impaired individuals to become more independent at home, at school, at work, and in their communities. The Center is open to the public, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. It is recommended that appointments be made with our Low Vision Specialist to help in selecting the proper device that will work best for you.



“She’s beautiful” - *The Behind the Scenes Story*

By Lion Pat Dundas - Cucamonga District Host Lions

Prior to the 2016 California Lions Friends in Sight (CLFIS) vision screening in Barstow, 87-year-old Chyde Pope had never seen an eye doctor or worn prescription eyeglasses. Accompanied by her daughter, she was among the thousands of people we serve each year whose stories move us. Her story ends when volunteer Kathy Ogaz fits and cleans her new prescription eyeglasses and asks her to look at her daughter. With a wide-eyed gaze Chyde declares, “She’s beautiful!”

So where does Chyde’s story begin? It all starts with Lions Clubs placing eyeglass collection boxes at doctor’s offices and businesses in communities throughout Southern California.

From there, literally hundreds of caring and committed volunteers go to work on the before and after responsibilities needed to provide a free vision screening with free recycled eyeglasses. On a regular schedule, Lions go out to the collection box locations to gather up hundreds of the donated eyeglasses. Others then sort through the collected eyeglasses to pull out those that are in good condition. Eyeglass cases, sunglasses, and unusable damaged eyeglasses are separated out. These materials are then delivered to one of four Lions Clubs where more volunteers go to work inspecting, cleaning, and measuring the useable eyeglasses. The prescription numbers are hand written on the lenses before transporting them with sunglasses and cases to the CLFIS processing center in Beaumont. There they are placed in holding bins within the specified range of prescriptions. Broken and damaged materials are sent off to a recycling center where the proceeds are used to help offset CLFIS operating expenses.

Early in the process, trained volunteers categorize men’s, women’s, kids, single vision & multifocal and identify the range of prescriptions that will best meet the people’s needs. They are then bar coded, labeled, and entered into the CLFIS computer system. From there, 12 rolling racks are stocked with 17,000 of these selected recycled eyeglasses to cover the next vision screening. Between each screening, volunteers pull specific eyeglasses from the bins, label, and place them in the appropriate rolling rack slots left open from the previous screening. Chyde Pope’s eyeglasses are in there somewhere.

So, how are the over 30 CLFIS weekend vision screenings that are conducted each year organized in the first place? Months ahead of time, Lions Clubs and other service organizations begin applying for a spot on the schedule. Most are annual events, some are new. Once a date is confirmed by a CLFIS organizer, the sponsoring organization’s members go to work on securing a suitable venue, get the word out with effective promotion, recruit local doctors and opticians, and step up with their own volunteers to work the screening. Local volunteers help with unloading and setup of equipment, rolling racks, and supplies. Others work to register patients, arrange seating at each of 5 screening stations, and provide morning and lunchtime food and drinks for volunteers. Once underway, local volunteer’s direct patient traffic flow and assist trained CLFIS staff at work stations. It is here where local volunteers can themselves be trained and are encouraged to become “regulars” at other screenings conducted throughout the year.

Several days before the screening, CLFIS volunteers get to work on an array of necessary preparation responsibilities. To ensure a full team, the data base manager prepares and disseminates email communications announcing the upcoming screening to regular team members and past volunteers within the geographic proximity to determine their plans on attending. Gaps, if any, are filled with telephone outreach.

Lions from the pool of CLFIS drivers are identified for the vans and trailers that will be used to transport volunteers, equipment, rolling racks, and supplies to the screening. The drivers wash, check condition, and gas up the vehicles. The evening before and morning of the screening the drivers pick up the vans at staging areas and, together with other volunteers, load eye examination equipment from each of Dr. Brian Van Dusen's two Inland Empire offices.

Early on the morning of the screening, some volunteers drive to the staging areas to ride in the vans while others car pool from all over Southern California to converge on the screening location by 7:00 am. Upon arrival, they are greeted by the sponsoring Lions Club or organization and unloading and setup begins for an 8:00 am start time.

For some volunteers, the vision screening is only the beginning. At its conclusion, patient sign-in sheets, eye examination forms, referral/consultation forms, volunteer sign-ins, and the records for the patients whose eyeglass needs could not be met are all collected for follow-up action. With the trailers loaded, the vans return to the staging area for unloading and reinstallation of equipment at Dr. Van Dusen's offices. During the week that follows, drivers take care of vehicle/trailer and equipment/instrument repairs that cropped up over the screening weekend.

The next day brings a CLFIS record keeping and communications undertaking. The work includes a tally of the screening results covering the number of patients seen, computing of the eyeglasses provided, identification of patients with eyeglasses to be fabricated, number and type of pathologies matched to the screening's referral/consultation form, volunteer sign in sheet, and rolling rack replenishment requirements. Reports are then generated and forwarded to volunteers for the official tabulation, webmaster posting on the CLFIS website, and volunteer data base updating. Patients diagnosed with pathology have their name, phone number, condition and insurance status recorded. That information is forwarded to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation for assistance.

For patients whose prescription could not be closely matched from the recycled eyeglasses inventory at the screening, CLFIS goes the extra mile to order or make new glasses in our optical lab using new prescription lenses generously donated to CLFIS by the Essilor Vision Foundation. Once made, the new eyeglasses are mailed to the sponsoring Lions Club for delivery to the patients.

This *Behind the Scenes Story* would not be complete or even possible without the Beaumont facility where the processing and inventory management for many thousands of donated eyeglasses is performed. An area is also provided for a fully-equipped optical finishing lab and vehicle storage in the yard. The space is on the property of Ranney Custom Builders and made available to CLFIS at no cost by Lion Don Ranney

California Lions Friends in Sight is the embodiment of the Lions Club motto, "We Serve". Our all-volunteer group is a Lions Club International affiliated organization. We share the goal of improving more people's lives, just like Chyde Pope's, through the continued expansion of our humanitarian service.

NOTE: CLFIS hopes to purchase a building with expanded space for work stations, inventory shelving, optical lab, training area, connected garage for vehicle parking, maintenance and repair, equipment/instruments storage and a screening staging area. This purchase can be possible with earmarked donations from generous supporters.

Lion Pat Dundas
Cucamonga District Host Lions
California Lions Friends in Sight Volunteer
PED 1/4/17



Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties



San Diego T.F.C. Lions Club donated \$10,000 to Kimball Elementary School through the San Diego Food Bank towards funding their Food 4 Kids Back Program for the upcoming school year which will feed up to 50 children and their family



Solana Beach Del Sol Lions Club donated \$2,000 to the Community Resource Center. With their support, they can provide nutritious food to more families and individuals in need this winter.



Oceanside Sea Lions toured the San Diego Center for the Blind and donated \$500 from their *Bowl for the Blind*.



San Diego Mission Lions decorated, filled, and delivered 50 stockings to the children at Fletcher Elementary School Pre-school program.



San Diego Peninsula Lions Club spreading Holiday Cheer at Washington Elementary School.



Club Activities



Santa and his Elf (Lion/Lioness Odena) greet a child in the Pre-School program at Jefferson Elementary School. The Chula Vista Harbor Lioness made, decorated, and filled 100 Christmas Stockings for the 4 classes of children.



Pride of Vista Lions Club Annual Costume Bowling Party



San Marcos Lions Club displayed both of their Mobile Health Screening Units in the Kiwanis Christmas Parade





Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties



San Diego Mira Mesa Lions Club

Chartered: September 28, 2016

San Diego Rainbow Lions Club

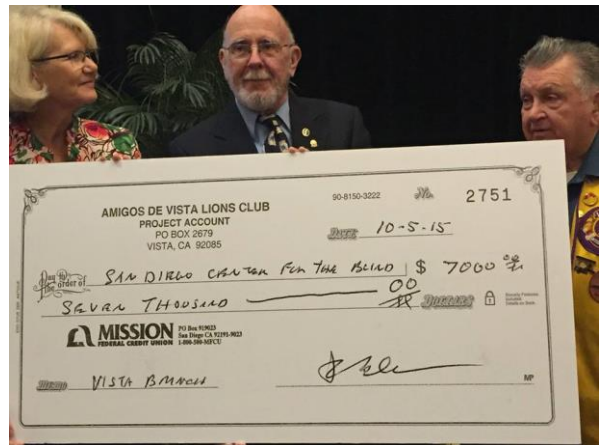
Chartered: November 30, 2016

San Diego United Torrey Pines LEO Club

Chartered: October 12, 2016

West Shores LEO Club

Chartered: November 8, 2016



Amigos de Vista Lions Club presented the San Diego Center for the Blind a check for \$7,000 at the White Cane Event held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Sweets for Scott



PDG Scott Leslie was honored by the Camp Jack Board of Directors for his years of service to Camp Jack. The evening event held at San Diego Host Lions Club included an auction of five decorated cakes. A total of \$2,165 was raised for camper scholarships



Pride of Vista Lions Club members cleaning the local baseball fields.



Valley Center Lions Club with another successful Pancake Breakfast at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center



Mother Goose Parade



1VDG Neil Seefeldt



2VDG Mercy Walters



El Cajon Valley High School LEO's





District Holiday Party



Entertainment provided by Vincent Young



DG Dave and Friends



DG Dave Roberts hosted a Holiday Party at his home in Solana Beach. Approximately 150 people attended the event that included pictures with Santa, music by Vincent Young, lots of food and a casual garden setting during a Chamber of Commerce Southern California sunny and warm winter day.

Lions Centennial Commemorative Coin



In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International is working with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin.

The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse.

This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

For a limited time, only, you can order this historic Lions Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service

Lions Clubs Centennial coins will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once sold out, no additional coins will be minted.

These commemorative coins will only be for sale during calendar year 2017. They are available for purchase from LCI Club Supplies and the United States Mint.



West Shores Lions Club Veterans Dinner

By Lion Paddie Connelly



Brittany Jones, USN E3 - Cory Hoffman, USN E5



WSLC President Fred Guibault, Keynote Speaker
Cory Hoffman, USN E5, and Brittany Jones, USN E3.

Sixth Annual Veteran's Dinner, December 8, 2016. What better partner than VFW Post 3251, under Commander Bob Butler, USN, to provide an evening of gratitude and respect for our veterans? This year over 100 residents, joined by staunch supported Lion Bill Browning and including 30+ veterans (some from WWII), were treated to great food from Lion and gourmet chef Bill Gillespie and the traditional favorite, Juan Pollo. For the second year, the West Shores Lions Club co-sponsored an essay contest open to all West Shores Middle Schoolers. This year's topic was, *"What Does 'Veteran' Mean to Me?"* Thanks to teaching pros Amy Daily and Katherine Chou, over 90 essays were submitted at West Shores Middle School. **90!** The school did the initial blind screening and the dedicated vets at Post 3251 decided the winners: 1st Place: Evelyn Arredondo; 2nd place: Stephanie Campos, 3rd Place: Jade Baca. All the finalists and their families were invited to the dinner to hear the contest results; two of the top three winners then read their essays (what a great job!); the VFW will be providing a set of VFW dog tags to all finalists AND a special set of commemorative medals for the top medalists; finalists will also receive a customized Lions Club certificate.

The keynote speaker, Cory Hoffman, USN E5 held the audience in rapt attention while his sidekick, Brittany Jones, USN E3, was a delightful Christmas sprite. Just for the evening, they drove over from San Diego where they are both stationed. As an aside, Cory has just been assigned to the USS Zumwalt, our Navy's most advanced warship -- read "...most technologically advanced surface combatant in the world."

This was, assuredly, one of those special times that "Lion's Pride" had multiple meanings.

Photo Credit: Lion Kerry Morrison, EcoMediaCompass/Save Our Sea



Lions of San Diego & Imperial Counties



Imperial Lions performed over 550 Eye Screenings and gave free sun glasses during the Farm Workers Appreciation Day in Calexico Ca. The workers were screened as they came across the Border to work in the fields in the Imperial Valley and Yuma Az. Zone Chair Belen Telford of El Centro Sol del Oro Lions Club assisted the Imperial Lions.



GIFT GIVING MISSION

San Diego Pathfinders Lions Club
District 4-L6, California, USA

Bantay Bata 163, ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc., Quezon City
December 10, 2016

Municipality of Alitagtag, Batangas
December 11, 2016

Brgy. 797, Zone 87, District V, San Andres Bukid, Manila
December 12, 2016

San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish Church, Murphy, New Kalalake, Olongapo City
December 13, 2016

Sponsors:



Rev. Julius Obregon
Lion Ron Phife

Lion Dr. Purita Ebbay
Lion Daniel & Juliet Glazier

San Diego Pathfinders Lions Club "GIFT GIVING" mission to the Philippines. Preparing to "serve" 1000 families in 4 locations.



Julian Lions Club cooking at the School Fall Festival



Imperial Lions Club at Kids Sight USA at Head Start School



San Diego Majestic Lions Club Health & Wellness Program





Calendar of Events



January 23, 2017	Pauma Valley Lions Club – 65 th Anniversary
January 28, 2017	Chinese New Year – Year of the Rooster
January 28, 2017	Rancho Santee Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – Santee Lakes Clubhouse
January 28, 2017	San Diego Rainbow Lions Club Charter Event – Lotus Garden Restaurant Silverado Ball Room / 4007 Euclid Ave – San Diego ♦ 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM
February 2, 2017	Ground Hog Day
February 3, 2017	Lunar New Year – Multi-Cultural Charity Gala at Jasmine Seafood, 4609 Convoy Street – San Diego, CA 92111 ♦ 5:30 PM
February 4, 2014	Lions Optometric Vision Clinic Fundraiser – Proud Mary's Bar & Grill 5550 Kearney Mesa Road – San Diego ♦ 6:00 – 10:00 PM
February 8-9, 2017	Mid-Winter Council of Governors – Red Lion, Redding CA
February 10-12	MD4 Convention – Red Lion, Redding, CA
February 14, 2017	Happy Valentine's Day
February 14, 2017	Love Your Heart San Diego
February 17, 2017	Lions Flag Day
February 19, 2017	Spring Valley Lions Club – Cupid's Wine Tasting – San Pasqual Winery
February 21, 2017	Vista de Amigos Lions Club – Pancake Breakfast
February 25, 2017	Women's & Family Symposium – SAVE THE DATE
March 2, 2017	Read Across America
March 4, 20147	Lions Day at the United Nations
March 4-6, 2017	MD4 Leadership Institute – Ontario, CA
March 11, 2017	3 rd Cabinet / Membership Meetings – El Cajon Police Dept Community Room
March 12, 2017	Daylight Savings Time Begins – Change your Smoke Detector Batteries
March 18, 2017	3 rd Annual Eyes Across California
March 20-24, 2017	San Diego Women's Week – Del Mar Fairgrounds
March 22, 2017	Warner Springs Lions Club – 50 th Anniversary
March 26, 2017	City of Hope – Lions Tribute Day
March 31 – April 2	LEO Leadership Institute – Lions Camp at Teresita Pines



Lions Clubs Centennial Trivia



- 1: **Who is the founder of Lions Clubs International?**
A: [Melvin Jones](#)
- 2: **What famous woman challenged Lions to be “Knights of the Blind” in 1925?**
A: [Helen Keller](#)
- 3: **What is the Lions’ motto?**
A: [We Serve](#)
- 4: **How many people have Lions pledged to help through the Centennial Service Challenge?**
A: [100 million+](#).
- 5: **True or False – All Lions can earn special awards for inviting new members through the Centennial Celebration Membership Awards.**
A: [True](#).
- 6: **In what year will Lions Clubs International officially celebrate its 100th anniversary?**
A: [2017](#).
- 7: **What is the name of Lions’ global blindness prevention program?**
A: [SightFirst](#). Visit the [LCI Foundation](#) to learn more.
- 8: **Finish this sentence – The Centennial slogan is: “Where there’s a need, there’s a (blank).”**
A: [Lion](#)
- 9: **True or false – Many of the eye banks around the world were founded by Lions.**
A: [True](#)
- 10: **What is the name of Lions international art contest for kids ages 11-13?**
A: [Lions International Peace Poster Contest \(or Peace Poster\)](#).
- 11: **True or false – There are Lions clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas around the world.**
A: [True](#). [Lions are in 210 countries and geographic areas](#).
- 12: **Lions Clubs became international in 1920 by chartering a club in which country?**
A: [Canada](#)
- 13: **What is the name of the youth program that Lions launched in 1957 to encourage young people to serve their communities?**
A: [Leo clubs](#)
- 14: **True or false – Women are now the fastest growing segment of new members in Lions Clubs.**
A: [True](#). [40% of new Lions are women](#).
- 15: **True or false – Mother Teresa received the Lions Humanitarian Award in 1986.**
A: [True](#)
- 16: **True or false – Lions have pledged \$30 million for vaccines to help save children from measles.**
A: [True](#).